



County of Riverside
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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STEVE VAN STOCKUM, DIRECTOR

Date: April 11, 2018

System No. 3301359

Kennedy Grocery
56400 Monroe St.
La Quinta, CA 99253

Enclosed is Citation No. 05_63_18C_022 issued to Kennedy Grocery public water system.

Any person who is aggrieved by a Citation issued by the Riverside County LPA may file a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for reconsideration of the Citation. Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the Citation. The date of issuance is the date when the Riverside County LPA mails or serves a copy of the Citation, whichever occurs first. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones, REHS
Environmental Health Specialist



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**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE – WATER SYSTEM NO. 3301359
NO. 05_63_18C_022**

Re: Kennedy Grocery
LPA #3301359
56400 Monroe St.
La Quinta, CA 92253

Date: April 11, 2018

To: Kennedy Grocery
Attn: Gilbert Ramirez
56400 Monroe St.
La Quinta, CA 92253

Section 116650, Article 9, Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit order issued there under.

VIOLATION

The Department of Environmental Health (Department), hereby issues a citation to Kennedy Grocery for the following violation:

Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64424 (d). Specifically, Kennedy Grocery failed to collect five routine bacteriological samples in the month of March 2018. If a public water system for which fewer than five routine samples/month are collected has one or more total coliform positive samples, the water supplier shall collect at least five routine samples the following month.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

This is a Transient Non-Community water system serving a retail store and one single family home.

The well is a deep 6 inch diameter well with a submersible pump. The well is located in a below grade pit. The water pumps from the well into two 500 gallon pressure tanks, then out into the distribution system.

Recent History:

On February 1, 2018, Gilbert Ramirez collected the routine bacteriological sample from the inside faucet (mop sink). The laboratory notified Mr. Ramirez and this Department on February 2, 2018, and reported a total coliform present/E.coli absent result at the inside faucet.

Mr. Ramirez chlorinated and flushed the well and distribution system. On February 6, 2018, Mr. Ramirez collected four resamples: Prep sink faucet, mop sink faucet, hand sink faucet and well. All results were total coliform absent.

Due to past total coliform present results and past citations for failing the Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), this Department discussed installing a chlorinator with Mr. Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez agreed that he would install a chlorinator prior to collecting the five routine samples in March 2018. This Department discussed the requirements once a chlorinator was installed: certified water operator requirement, additional sampling requirements, maintaining a chlorine log.

During March 2018, this Department had several phone calls with Mr. Ramirez regarding the five required bacteria samples and the chlorinator. Mr. Ramirez stated that he had spoken to a certified water operator that would install the chlorination system and would oversee the water system. This Department also spoke to the certified water operator about the NSF 61 and NSF 60 requirements for the chlorination system. We also discussed the chlorinator location and requirement for a sample tap that represents the well prior to the chlorine being injected.

On March 27, 2018, Mr. Ramirez stated that the motor for the well needed to be replaced. He was working with a local well driller. Once the motor was replaced, he would have the chlorinator installed. This Department reminded Mr. Ramirez that the five bacteriological samples needed to be collected prior to March 31, 2018. Mr. Ramirez was not sure that the five samples would be collected by that date.

During April 2018, this Department had several phone calls with Mr. Ramirez and the well driller about the status of the motor and chlorinator. Various reasons were given for the delay.

On April 11, 2018, Mr. Ramirez was informed that the chlorinator and subsequent six bacteria samples (five from the distribution system and one "special" from the well) must be completed by April 23, 2018. He was informed that an administrative penalty would be assessed if the chlorination system and required sampling was not completed by April 23, 2018. In addition, Mr. Ramirez stated that a new pump and motor was being installed today. He stated that the contractor is a licensed well driller and/or licensed pump contractor. We discussed the need for proper sanitary measures during installation and the need for the certified water operator to be involved with properly sanitizing the well.

All consumers served by this water system must be notified of this violation, as required in Section 64426.1 (c). Post an approved Tier 2 Notice in conspicuous locations throughout the area served. Post the notice once the bacteria sample results have been provided by the laboratory. The notice must be posted for at least 7 days. Submit the Proof of Notification to this Department once the notice has been posted for at least 7 days.

DIRECTIVES

- **Install an approved NSF 61 chlorinator/pump using NSF 60 chlorine by April 23, 2018. A certified water operator must install the chlorination system and provide documentation detailing NSF 61 chlorinator/pump and NSF 60 chlorine to this Department.**
- **Collect five routine bacteriological samples from the distribution system and one “special” sample from the well by April 23, 2018.**
- **The chlorination system must be operated by a minimum D1 certified water operator.**
- **Disinfection levels of free chlorine in the distribution system shall not exceed 4.0 mg/L. Record chlorine readings daily and maintain a chlorine log.**
- **After the five routine samples have been collected and once the water system is in compliance with the Total Coliform Rule, sample the well and distribution system monthly for total coliform and E.coli bacteria for at least six months. The sampling frequency will be reevaluated after the six months. The chlorine residual must be zero at the well prior to sampling for bacteria. Document the chlorine residual for the well and distribution system on the chain of custody at the same time the bacteria sampling is conducted. Inform the lab to analyze the bacteria sample for the well as quantifying results with MPN/100 mL.**

The required coliform bacteria follow-up sampling to an unsatisfactory routine sample is described below. This must be completed each and every time that a routine coliform bacteria sampling is unsatisfactory.

1. Within 24 hours of being notified of an unsatisfactory coliform bacteria result by your laboratory, collect four resamples. If you are unable to collect the resamples within 24 hours, contact this Department. Collect the resamples at the sample tap where the unsatisfactory sample was taken, an upstream sample within five service connections of the unsatisfactory site, a downstream sample within five service connections of the unsatisfactory site, and a sample at the source(s) of water for the distribution system.
2. If any of the resamples are unsatisfactory, additional sets of resamples must be taken. Contact this Department for guidance.
3. In the month following the unsatisfactory sample collect five coliform bacteria samples.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Failure to comply with this notice and/or failure to comply with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations may result in assessment of administrative penalties. This Department does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Jones".

Jackie Jones, REHS
Environmental Health Specialist

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